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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS                                 |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS                                 |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                       | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    |
| <b>Local Government</b>             | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

In response to a similar proposal in the prior session, officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** stated that the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency. Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** stated that the proposal would not affect budgets of state, appellate or circuit judiciaries.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2003<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2004    | FY 2005    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2003<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2004    | FY 2005    |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This proposal affirms the doctrine that courts of law cannot modify common law so as to create new causes of action.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Attorney General  
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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